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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Costa Rica*: draft resolution

Report of the World Commission on Culture and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, in which it proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development,

Recalling also its resolution 46/158 of 19 December 1991, in which it requested the Secretary-General to cooperate with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in establishing an independent World Commission on Culture and Development, and expected the World Commission to submit its final report to the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the United Nations General Assembly no later than three years after it began its work,

Noting that the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has sent the report of the Commission 1/ to the member States of that organization for their comments as well as to many non-governmental and academic bodies,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ See A/51/451, annex.

1. Requests the Secretary-General to cooperate with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to further stimulate international debate on culture and development;

2. Encourages the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to discuss the report further, taking into account the views, comments and proposals submitted by Member States, and to include those views, comments and proposals in the report to the next General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1997;

3. Also encourages the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to pursue its ongoing task of promoting throughout the United Nations system a greater awareness of the crucial relationship between culture and development, taking into account cultural, religious and other areas of diversity;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to compile a report taking into account the views, comments and proposals expressed by States and the relevant intergovernmental organizations;

5. Decides to continue further consideration of the issue of cultural development at its fifty-second session.